



## Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Wetland Individual Permit and Railroad Bridge

BNSF Railroad c/o John Stilley, 4515 Kansas Ave., Kansas City, KS 66106 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to discharge dredged or fill material into La Crosse River Marsh and construct a bridge over the La Crosse River. The project runs from Gillette Street southward to STH 16, through Sections 21, 28, and 33 of Township 16 North, Range 7 West, and Sections 4 and 9 of Township 15 North, Range 7 West, La Crosse County. The improvement project consists of constructing four miles of railroad track adjacent to existing railroad track on BNSF right-of-way and a one mile access road for maintenance. The project would result in 7.2 acres of wetland impact. Three new bridges in the marsh and one over the La Crosse River will be constructed adjacent to existing rail bridges to maintain hydrology and flood equalization.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, ss. 1.11 and 281.36, 401 CWA, Stats., and ensure that the required wetland mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at

<https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public informational hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 2-5pm at the Black River Beach Community Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street, City of La Crosse, WI 54603.

The Department has determined to schedule a public hearing on this activity or project. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above. Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing [Carrie.Olson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Carrie.Olson@wisconsin.gov) or writing to Carrie Olson, DNR Waterway and Wetland, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the permit decision document.

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**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Carrie Olson, Water Management Specialist, Dated 11/21/2014